

## Equipment

The major equipment of the Sheriff's department consists of eight radio-equipped automobiles which are replaced every two years. In addition to two-way radios, each car is equipped with gas masks, tear gas, riot guns, riot helmets and fingerprint material. Uniforms and hand guns are furnished to each deputy by the county. The Sheriff reports that the equipment is adequate with one exception. The two-way radios in each automobile and the base station is considered to be inadequate because of their age and low power. Frequently, deputies on patrol in the far corners of the county cannot send and receive radio messages to and from the base station due to the inadequate power.

The county maintains a communications center in the courthouse which receives both fire and police calls for the entire county. This center operates 24 hours per day and is in constant touch with all fire and police departments throughout the county.

## Recommendations

1. The offices housing the Sheriff's Department are inadequate. The space provided is small and there is no room for expansion. The future increase of the county's population will demand an enlarged staff. Minimum facilities would require at least triple the present office space and should incorporate a reception room, where the clerical work of the department could be handled, an assembly room for the deputies, an interrogation room, a storage room, and the sheriff's private office. This expansion should be within the courthouse proper due to the nature of the sheriff's function. At the present such expansion is impossible.
2. The major problem now confronting the Wayne County Sheriff's Department is a shortage of personnel. There